



Aruba's swim teams bring home the gold... and the silver, and the bronze!!

The Aruba Swimming Federation is proud to announce that the national swim team, The Stingrays, along with members of the Dolphins performed remarkably well in the "San Juan Swimming Olympics" that took place over December 16 and 17 in Puerto Rico.

Aruba sent twenty-six athletes to San Juan, and many returned with multiple medals, totaling fifty-one in all. In the "Champion" category, Aruba's athletes won thirty medals, consisting of twelve gold medals, twelve silver medals and six bronze.

In the "Intermediate" category, the swimmers garnered five gold, one silver and two bronze medals. In the "Preparatory" division, they won three gold, three silver and one bronze, and in the "Novice," four silver and two bronze.

The individual swimmers winning gold medals in the "Champion" division were: Patrick Groters, Sue-Gin Arends, Shaquille Vlaun (3 medals), Jorday Groters, Mitchell Geerman, Adrienne Fraser and Valerie Eman (2 medals.) In the Relay races, they took two gold medals, and the winning team consisted of Sue-Gin Arends, Ginayla Arends, Andrea van den Berg and Michella Geerman.

Silver medalists were Sue-Gin Arends (3 medals,) Shaquille Vlaun, Daniella van dan Berg, Jordy Groters, Mitchell Geerman, Adrienne Fraser (2 medals,) and Valerie Eman (3 medals.)

Bronze medal winners were Joshua Hoevertsz, Mitchell Geerman (2 medals) Siouxtion Stoorvogel, Adrienne Fraser and Valeria Eman.

In the "Intermediate" division, returning gold medalists were Joshua Hoevertsz, Yawuini Mohamed, Jair Frank, and Danny Quant with two medals. Danny also took a silver and a bronze in this category, and Emy Da Silva brought home a bronze medal.

In the "Preparatory" division, Jaymer Carolina, Emy Da Silva and Yaqini Mohamad won gold medals; Jaymer also won silver along with Kevin and Danny Quant and Andrea van den Berg came home with a bronze.

"Novice" category medalists were Jaymer Carolina and Jeanira Frank with a silver medal each, and Jade Frank, who won two silver and two bronze medals.

The coaches of the Stingray swim team, Ismael Santiesteban, Maureen Groters, Ronald van den Berg, Sue-Ann Ras, and Dolphins coach Roly Bislick are all very proud of the phenomenal performance of their swimmers, who also won 75% of the "Individual High Point Trophies" of this prestigious event.

Organizers wish to thank all the coaches, chaperone Fernando Frank and the sponsors that keep the team going throughout the year, and made this winning trip to Puerto Rico possible. This includes Netpro, Playa Linda Beach Resort, Hoevertsz ArchiDesign, Elmar, Domino's Pizza, Prime Distributors, Kong Hing Supercenter, Cas Bon, InterFacilities, Mourik Caribbean, Pim van der Kleij, Valero Refinery Aruba, Deloitte, and Rica Foods.